

Application No. 09/990,491
Official Amendment dated November 14, 2003
Reply to Office Action of August 14, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration and continued examination of this application are respectfully requested.

Applicant wishes to thank to the Examiner for indicating that claims 3-5 and 7-11 would be allowable, if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection in the Office Action, under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9, and 11-14 remain in this application. Claims 3, 8, and 10 have been cancelled. Claims 12-14 have been added.

The Office Action objects to Figs. 4, 5a, and 5b. This objection is traversed. Figs. 4, 5a, and 5b (enclosed) have been amended to include the designation "PRIOR ART." Two annotated sheets showing the drawing changes handwritten are also enclosed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the drawings are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 1, 5, 7, and 9, have been amended. In claim 1, the phrase "such as diamond powders or the like" has been removed. Antecedent support has been provided for "outer surface" and "front portion." In addition, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate previously allowable claim 3. The phrase "wherein at least in a front end portion in the axial direction the tool main body is formed in a cylindrical shape" from previous claim 2 has been incorporated in claim 1 to provide antecedent basis for limitations of previous claim 3.

Claim 2 has been amended to remove the objected to phrase "such as diamond powders or the like." Portions of previous claim 2 incorporated in claim 1 have also been removed.

Claims 3, 8, and 10, have been cancelled.

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Claim 4 has been amended to depend from claim 2.

Claim 5 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of previous claim 1.

Claims 7 and 9 have been amended to clarify the phrase "the working member is provided with a grinding reamer and rotating brush."

New claim 12 is supported, for example, by previous claim 1.

New claim 13 is supported, for example, by Fig. 1.

New claim 14 is supported, for example, by previous claims 1-3.

No new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Lenhart (U.S. Patent No. 5,417,525). For the reasons set forth herein, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1, as currently amended, and claims 2, 4, 6, 7, and 12-13 depending therefrom, are not anticipated by Lenhart. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 3 which was indicated by the Examiner as being allowable. It is respectfully submitted that Lenhart is at least silent regarding a female screw portion, as currently set forth in independent claim 1. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

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Claim 1-2 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Czubak (U.S. Patent No. 3,405,049). For the reasons set forth herein, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1, as currently amended, and claims 2, 6, 7, and 12-13 depending therefrom, are not anticipated by Czubak. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate subject matter of claim 3 which the Examiner has indicated is allowable. It is respectfully submitted that Czubak fails to teach or suggest a female screw portion, as currently set forth in independent claim 1. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 5, and 14, and claims 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, and 11-13 depending therefrom, are patentably distinguishable over the cited references. Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections against these claims are respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of the present application and a timely allowance of the pending claims.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by the Applicant or Applicant's undersigned representative is desirable and/or necessary, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0925. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and should also be charged to said Deposit Account.

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